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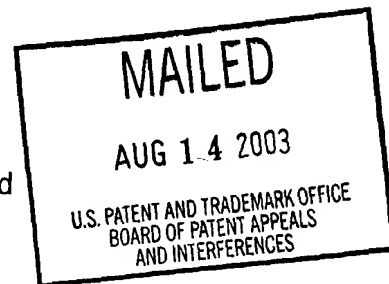
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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES**

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Ex parte ERIKA HAWKINS,  
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Application No. 09/590,884

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**ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER**

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This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 24, 2003. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

A search of the RAM Fee History shows that on May 19, 2003, \$280.00 was received and applied under the accounting code for oral hearings. However, we are unable to locate the request for oral hearing. Additionally, this paper was not assigned a paper number or entered on the "Contents" portion of the administrative file.

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Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is returned to the Examiner to locate and place a copy of the Request for Oral Hearing in the administrative file, assign a paper number, enter on the "Contents" portion of the administrative file, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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